

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 and 6-12 are allowed.

The amendment is fully supported by the original disclosure and, thus, no new matter is added by their entry. Two compounds, which are not within the scope of the general formula recited in claim 1, are deleted from claim 3. Entry of the amendment is requested to ensure proper dependency of claim 3.

The claims remain allowable for the reasons of record. Early issuance of this patent is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

**NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.**

By:                     /Gary R. Tanigawa/                      
Gary R. Tanigawa  
Reg. No. 43,180

901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor  
Arlington, VA 22203-1808  
Telephone: (703) 816-4000  
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100